

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #2

RFP #2023-012

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

UPDATED JULY 14, 2023

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT (SEED) GRANT PROGRAM

|    | Questions  | Answers  |
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| 1. | Is the installation of energy efficient mini splits, windows, and doors eligible for the SEED Grant Program?   | Specific project eligibility for the SEED Grant Program is listed in RFP #2023-012. See Section II, Part B., item #2 for more information.   |
| 2. | If our school is considered 60% economically disadvantaged, would the school qualify for the 20% match?  | Qualified applicants qualify for a 20% match to their SEED grant if they satisfy the Justice40 Initiative scoring criteria. More information can be found in Section III, Part B or in Section II, Part B, Paragraph #7, subparagraph d. Please note that the criteria referenced in Section II, Part B, Paragraph #7, subparagraph d. is the same as the Justice40 Initiative scoring found in Section III, Part B.   |
| 3. | Could our school provide an "in-kind" match for the SEED Grant Program award?  | Schools may provide an "in-kind" match for their SEED grant. More information regarding SEED Grant Program match requirements can be found in Section II, Part B, Paragraph #7 of RFP #2023-012. However, federal regulations under 2 CFR 200.300-200.310 and 2 CFR 200.400-410 specify what qualifies as an "in-kind" match. If an applicant intends to offer an "in-kind" match, the applicant would be expected to provide specific information as to who is working on the project, including a detailed scope of work, what those persons will be doing, how long the activity will take, and whether the in-kind expenses are reasonable and allowable under federal regulations. Applicants will also be required to provide a detailed budget that does not utilize any other federal funding and must provide documentation for all budgetary items. Applicants will likely be required to create new accounting lines so that time is billed accurately. The applicant must also set aside a portion of funding in the budget for an audit to occur at the end of the project. |
| 4. | Would allowing our school building to act as an emergency shelter or an emergency operations center for our town and its emergency services qualify as an "in-kind" match? | No, the use of school property for an alternative purpose as described in the question would not qualify as an "in-kind" match. See 2 CFR 200.306 for more information.  |

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| 5. | To whom would our school address a commitment regarding an in-kind match before submitting a SEED Grant Program application? | The decision to apply to the SEED Grant Program lies exclusively with the applicant. The NH Department of Energy makes no commitment regarding a potential applicant's in-kind match for the SEED Grant Program. The NH Department of Energy will not review or score qualifying applications until after the Application Due Date and Time. More information can be found in Section I, Part A of RFP #2023-012. Once RFP #2023-012 closes, the NH Department of Energy will review and score qualifying applications in accordance with the provisions found in Section III of RFP #2023-012. |
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